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Applicant: Scott Simmonds, et al.

Group: 3673

Invention: **BED SIDERAIL
HAVING A LATCH**

Examiner: Robert G. Santos

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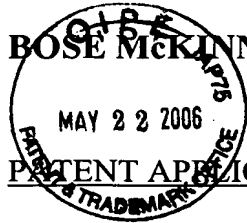
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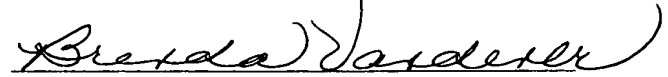
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's Notice of Allowability of claims 1 4-8, 12, 13, 19-21, 25, 30, 31 and 33 mailed February 28, 2006. However, the following comments are considered necessary by the Applicants.

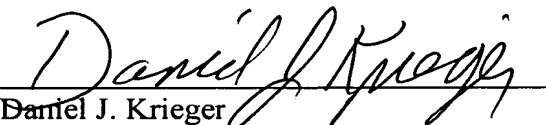
Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner's statements beginning at page 2, paragraph 1 of the Examiner's Amendment mailed February 28, 2006, states that dependent claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 19, 21, 25, 20 and 33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the Office Action of November 1, 2005. Applicants believe this statement to be incorrect as the Office Action of November 1, 2005, page 6, paragraph 7 state that claims 3-8, 12, 14, 19-21, 25, 30, 31, and 33 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Applicants respectfully note that the statements on that page do not apply to all of the allowed claims.

For instance, not all of the allowed claims include all of the limitations mentioned by the Examiner. Accordingly, each allowed claim is to be interpreted based on its own claim language and may be allowable for other reasons.

If any question or comment should arise during the course of consideration of this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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